

STRAY BITS OF CLUB
STOCK NEW PROBLEM

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CITY SERIES IN PROSPECT

Though the New York American League club was sold three days ago the actual transfer of stock has not taken place and may not till the case drags on through a great part of next week. A few minor complications have developed, in no wise serious but nevertheless annoying.

The interested parties hoped to effect a cash settlement yesterday but had to give up after a day's argument. It appears that some small parcels of the club stock supposed to be held by four men were found in the hands of outsiders. Messrs. Ruppert and Huston bought with the understanding that every share was to be turned over to them and of course will not pay their money till all of the stock is accounted for.

"I had hoped to go away this afternoon," said John Johnson last night, "but I will have to remain at least until Tuesday. I overlooked a couple of very important documents when I left for the coast. I wired yesterday for them, but my message was delayed and it was impossible to obtain them from the vault. These cannot be forwarded until Monday."

However, the day was not without its interest. The day was spent in representing the various interests and in clearing the situation and I am sure that as soon as the papers come everything will be in readiness to permit the formal delivery. It is all approved at the delay, of course, because it is high time for the new officials to get about planning for the coming campaign."

The mounting Capt. T. L. Huston is about to get away to Cuba to attend to business matters. He will curtail his sojourn on the island so as to return early to hunt for a spring training camp. The captain has upon his return to the city a number of personal inspections of several sites, Ocala, Fla., has been highly recommended. Capt. Huston, however, is a great believer in mineral baths, and under consideration both Mineral Wells, Tex., and Hot Springs, Ark.

It was learned yesterday that Pitcher Ray Caldwell has indicated a willingness to return to the local team. Caldwell has been under the management and management. Needless to say this young gentleman will not be restrained from doing so on the New York end, at least according to every good authority. A scout now on the trail of the erring pitcher.

Perhaps for the first time in history the clubs of the New York city district meet spring in an ante-season series. Both McGraw and Ruppert are enthusiastic over such a prospect. It is proposed to have the series start on April 12, 13 and 14. The first date is a Saturday and of course under the new American League regime would assure a most enthusiastic reception for Wild Bill Donovan.

Joe Lamm, the most enthusiastic admirer of the new New York manager, plans to hold a Wild Bill Donovan Day at Fenway Park the first time this club visits Boston. Bill of course is considered a Boston product, nearly since he was a youngster for Providence. Lamm's scheme has been indorsed heartily by Providence fans, who declare they will assure at least 5,000 for the Rhode Island city. Lamm is very anxious to see the new American League. He says such events would be a splendid thing for the city, where Bill was such a hero for years, and in Philadelphia, where he was born and raised. New York, too, Joe thinks, should swing into line.

John J. McGraw had nothing new to report on his negotiations for Hans Lohr.

"I think I shall have to stall another week or two," said he to Capt. Huston. "You fellows taught me the publicity value of cautious silence."

MAY BECOME ONE GREAT FARM.

Major Maganates Likely to Get All International League Franchises.

Within the next several days it is expected that the International League will divide itself upon a circuit for 1915. At present there seems little doubt that Richmond, Va., will replace Baltimore and that Syracuse, N. Y., will supplant Jersey City. In connection with the latter club, however, the recent sale of the New York Americans may make some difference. William S. Devery, who is now stockholder of the Skeeters, seems more anxious than ever to dispose of his minor league holdings now that he has stepped down from all connection with the New York Barrow. Devery's motive, it is being rumored, is being strongly the idea of dropping Baltimore and Jersey City has stepped out of this circuit. To call the operation of a six club circuit. Some of the club presidents are of the opinion that a circuit scattered between Montreal and Richmond would be too unwieldy. Besides the affairs of the Syracuse New York State League club are in litigation and in such bad shape that the transfer of such a sorry loss as the Skeeters to that village might entail an outlay far too great for the risk involved.

President Ed Barrow of the International League has been in very close touch with Ban Johnson the last few days in an effort to straighten out his most perplexing problems. There is a great deal of talk of the sale of the club all passing into the hands of major maganates, in which event the circuit would be continued as farms for the surplus players that will have to be cut adrift after the first of May. As it is, with the major league rosters pared to the bone, the majors may find great difficulties in disposing of surplus talent unless they can find their own farms.

Perritt Has Row With Oakes.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—That Pittsburgh pitcher of the Pittsburgh Federals, who pitched for the Cardinals, would return to the local National League fold as a result of an alleged fight with Manager Healy Oakes, leader of the Pittsburgh Federals, was the hope of the Cardinal management here to-day. Though Perritt is not known to have returned to the Cardinals, it is believed Oakes may cause another flop by Polly. Perritt is said to have fractured numerous chairs and other furniture when Oakes punched him of a mysterious motive for being here.

Robert's Selected Score Is 61.

Stephen Roberts won the green committee prize for the best selected score made in competitions of 1914, in the Dunwoody Country Club. The score was 61.

Bill Donovan Accepts

Terms To Lead Team

WILD Bill Donovan, the new manager of the New Yorks, following a conference with Ban Johnson and Capt. T. L. Huston at the Wolcott Hotel last night, announced that he had accepted terms with the new owners.

"I have not actually signed," said Bill, "but am satisfied to do so under the conditions outlined in our talk. I shall be ready to subscribe to a contract as soon as the stock is transferred to Messrs. Huston and Ruppert."

SALE OF NEW YORKS IS

DUE ENTIRELY TO BAN

Johnson Brings Together Those

Not Anxious to Sell and Not

Anxious to Buy.

The sale of the New York American League baseball club on New Year's eve appears to have been about as fine a present as Ban Johnson ever delivered to his associates. In spite of apparently insurmountable difficulties he placed the local organization in the hands of business men who seem inclined to the desire to put the city on the American League map. This sale was effected at a most psychological time: the fortunes of the poor New Yorks were truly at their low ebb.

Organized baseball has come to regret the departure of Frank J. Farrell. He was always a fair sportsman and a wild pitch by fact. He was one of the two main opportunities. No man was more liberal with his money in trying to build up a really powerful club. He was not one of those who suffered from disappointment. He paid a record sum to get Frank Chance out of the National League. On the advice of those same associates he had under consideration both Mineral Wells, Tex., and Hot Springs, Ark.

Frank J. Farrell should be remembered as a man who made possible an invasion of New York at a time when it was absolutely necessary for the American League to establish a club in Gotham to win a decided advantage over the National circuit. Financial conditions of those times were far more severe than now. The Farrell fortunes were thrown in the pot at a time when the weather was gloomy, but they helped as much as any other thing to win joint recognition with the National League.

Mr. Farrell, doubtless, was advised poorly at times; the mistakes he made cannot all be laid at his door. The esteem of his colleagues was shown throughout his recent negotiations. They stood behind him in his determination to secure a commensurate price to offset some of the earlier hard knocks of fortune. The retiring president will have something more substantial than empty recollections to recall his American League experiences. For he says himself that he is through with the game.

In the transfer of the local club stock Ban Johnson stands out again in all his pristine power and glory. His was a most difficult task, that ever confronted a league leader. He was not anxious to sell; Ruppert and Huston were not anxious to buy. Effecting a deal under those conditions approached the impossible. A change of ownership here was deemed advisable because the club had been allowed to run down for years in spite of the fact that it was one of the best in the league. The blame is laid on the backs of the business associates of Farrell. The town seemed to lose its last spark of interest with the withdrawal of Frank J. Farrell from the scene with the heads of the executive department.

Now as to the two owners in the limelight at present. Capt. T. L. Huston is a man about whom, possessed of great wealth and exceptional business acumen, a Jacob Ruppert, Jr., is as sharp as a razor blade in business matters. The two were not exceptionally anxious to invest in the national pastime but now that they are in they may be expected to go about the work of making said investment pay to the last farthing. Neither is an expert in the business of baseball, but each has cut his eye teeth long ago. That they do not intend to do anything rash was evidenced quite clearly throughout the recent negotiations. They do not intend to be familiarized themselves upon every angle of the American League, and especially those problems which confronted the local club.

In the new administration Col. Ruppert is to act as club president and Capt. Huston as secretary and treasurer. From the caution they have displayed the last season it is not likely that the owners will feel their way until they are more thoroughly familiar with the many angles and intricacies of the game and association. It is expected that some person well versed in baseball law's intricate workings will be associated with the office force. The fact that a night club is in the conditions is that of business manager. Almost every name of consequence has been suggested already for the post. So far the situation has been quiet. White Sox and Giants, seems most prominent. To the long list has been added the name of the name and to give Manager Donovan absolute control of the playing end. Bill's word is to be law. His career in the metropolis is to be judged strictly on ability to work harmoniously with the ownership to snap judgment at that.

Healy Boys Get All Three Places.

The three Healy brothers furnished all the competition in the schoolboy skating race yesterday at the St. Nicholas rink. The race was a one-quarter mile handicap, and Thomas Healy, who had a fifteen yard handicap, finished first. Arthur Healy, who started from scratch, was second, and Herbert Healy, with a ten yard handicap, was third. The winner's time was 51.2 seconds. All three Healy boys attend All Hallows Institute.

DONOVAN WILL SMILE

HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

Wild Bill, Anti-Slave Driver,

Tells How He Will Lead

New York Team.

HUSTON WON BY MANNER

Manager Wild Bill Donovan of the New York Americans will be one of the most interestingly unique managers in the big leagues. He is of a new type; he rules through a sunny disposition rather than a rod of iron. Bill has been knocking around the diamond for almost eighteen years and his closest friends declare he has yet to lose his temper.

"The major leagues are a little different from the minor," said a smiling still at the Imperial Hotel yesterday afternoon. "I think kindred principles will get the same results in both. Most people tell you that gentleness will not go in fast company. But I honestly believe that you can get far more out of any man by encouragement and good nature than through abuse and incentive. A ball player is very much like every other human contrivance. Put him on his honor, treat him honestly and you will get none the worse of it."

In Providence last year early in the spring the rival managers were telling me that I had the rottenest club on earth. They couldn't understand the way we were going. Why had any chance to smile. Well, I gained thirty pounds last season. And would you believe it, when the team finally straightened out and started a winning spurt my pessimistic friends were around telling me I should have won out by ten games."

"I called on Frank Chance one night last summer," Bill said, "told me the secret of those losses. Your club is almost as bad as mine, but there you are fat as butter and I feel as if I had been drawn through a knothole. He asked the part, too. I figured what started in the game that life wasn't worth a long and sorrowful face. I believed then and I believe now that fans do not care to see a lot of mourners hanging around. It is possible to be quite serious and happy at the same time."

"When I take hold of the New York club I shall endeavor to follow a few simple rules that I think have earned me some friends in my time. I shall treat my players with every courtesy and friendship, for I feel that I always shall be one of the boys. I shall try to encourage every man and give him a fair square deal. I have not the least apprehension that any player will try to take advantage of me."

Mr. Farrell, continued Bill, "I have a few theories of my own that I intend to put out—little tricks that proved successful in the International League. I do not mind telling you one of these. It is in practice the weather man's game, but I think every fielder should receive as many grounders as flies during practice. When you hear a remark that an outfielder is wonder except for weakness on ground balls, there should be no such weakness if he is possessed of physical qualifications. An infielder perfect himself through practice; why should not an outfielder do the same?"

"And another thing, too. There is no excuse for wildness on the part of a pitcher. Ninety-nine times in a hundred wildness indicates nothing more than lack of opportunity to control the ball. I think every fielder should receive as many grounders as flies during practice. When you hear a remark that an outfielder is wonder except for weakness on ground balls, there should be no such weakness if he is possessed of physical qualifications. An infielder perfect himself through practice; why should not an outfielder do the same?"

"Concerning the makeup of the team next year I am of course somewhat in the dark. A few of the players I know personally, but the great majority only from newspaper reports. Of course I know and I hope that he will be with us. I do believe that the club has an excellent lot of pitchers. There should be no worry on that score. Of course we need a few more on the mound, but they will be obtained. I think with High I shall have the makings of a good outfield. Every body speaks well of Cook's prospects. I have known him for years. He is regarded in many quarters as the best shortstop in the league. Of Boone and Mullen I know little. I saw the team play and I liked them. I saw the team play and I liked them. I saw the team play and I liked them."

"However, from what has been told me I heartily believe that the addition of one or two men should improve the team's strength greatly. Because the men in mind are hitters. Battering is the life of the club's chief weaknesses in 1914."

Capt. T. L. Huston, who had his first encounter with the new manager yesterday, seemed much impressed by the clear-cut manner of Wild Bill's talk.

"You need not fear," said he, "any lack of cooperation on the part of the business office. Mr. Ruppert and myself have gone into the game to give New York a winner. We will spare no expense toward this end, but at the same time we realize that our managers must have freedom to exercise his policies. I am sure there will be no friction whatever."

Joseph J. Lamm, president of the Boston Red Sox, who was chief instrument in placing Donovan in the game, was most enthusiastic over the prospects of his protégé.

"Donovan will make a success if any one can," said Lamm. "If he doesn't fall down you can lay all the blame on me. Donovan to my mind will prove a really great manager. He has not only the temperament and poise, but also the personality to work harmoniously with the business office. He never considers himself too big to listen to a suggestion. If such does not meet with his approval he is able to explain his position clearly. He is a good, wise listener, but also a forceful talker."

SEEK TO ENJOIN LEE MAGEE.

Cardinals Say He Signed Contract

For Season of 1915.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.—In a suit filed by the St. Louis National League team in the United States District court yesterday an injunction is sought against Lee Magee, who jumped to the Brooklyn Federal League team. Magee is made defendant under his real name of Leo Hirschmeyer. A temporary and later a permanent injunction is asked to prevent him from playing with any club other than the St. Louis National League team. It is further stated that on November 11, 1914, Magee signed a contract with the Brooklyn Federal League, thereby repudiating his contract with the St. Louis Nationals.

LEADERS OF HOCKEY LEAGUE TEAMS

CUTTING WILL BE CHAMPION.

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Tuxedo Tennis Cap.

TUXEDO PARK, Jan. 2.—The semi-finals for the title to the Tuxedo challenge cup in court tennis were played on the courts of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club here today and resulted in victories for C. S. Cutting of Harvard and his brother Fulton Cutting. The former won from Pierre Lorillard, Jr., 3 sets to 1, and Fulton Cutting won from Griswold Lorillard by defeating Pierre Lorillard played under the handicap of a severe cold.

To-morrow the Cutting brothers will meet in the finals. Some of those who occupied seats in the stands were R. Wrenn, Richmond Talbot, William Mortimer, A. Stewart Walker, Richard M. Dinmore and H. C. Fell, Jr.



Capt. Brown of the Crescent A. C. team.

BEATS FAVORITES AS

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C. R. Gillett of Wykagyl Uses

This Method in Annexing

Lakewood Prize.

MATCHES GO EXTRA HOLES

LAKWOOD, N. J., Jan. 2.—By the

simple process of beating one favorite in

the morning and another in the afternoon

C. R. Gillett of Wykagyl won the

New Year tournament of the Country

Club of Lakewood to-day. A. G. McIl-

waine 2d of the National Links was Gil-

lett's morning victim, and Harold A. Steiner, Inwood, carried the victor to the

nineteenth hole in the final in the afternoon.

Although he won the medal yesterday

with an 85, McIlwaine could not keep

up the same pace to-day and after a

close struggle Gillett won by 2 up and

a 19. In the meantime Steiner was

advancing by beating H. H. Parker of

Deal by 5 up and 3 to play.

Two snow flurries did their share to

make the quality of golf not quite up to

standard, but the course was not cov-

ered and red balls were not necessary.

The final seemed to be Gillett's match all

through the early stages, for after he

only did he lower the score by a two stroke

margin he braced up and was 2 up at

the turn.

By winning both of the short water

holes he came 4 up at the eleventh,

and Steiner's chances looked dubious.

The Inwood golfer was not beaten, how-

ever, and won four of the next six holes,

quarantining the match on the seventeenth

green.

They halved the home hole, both taking

sixes and on the extra hole Gillett won,

5 to 6. The cards:

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The St. Nick's, or, better still, Hobey

Baker, defeated the Victorias of Mon-

treal, champions of the Montreal ice

hockey league, at the St. Nicholas ice

skating rink last night, in a game that

started from start to finish, by 6 goals

to 1. The Canadians came down with a

reputation of being able to stop any-

thing with a skate on and labored under

the impression that they could stop Baker,

but they couldn't, and thereby hung the

tale. The visitors at the outset of the

game tried to keep Hobey in the back-

ground by outskating him, but the game

was still young as the year when they

found that this could not be done and

other methods were brought into play.

In behalf of the Canadian players it

may be said that the exorbitant price

star finally did have to retire from the

game, but the trick that did the trick

came after six goals had been scored

by him and his teammates with his as-

surance. It was of course the one

snatch that a gigantic Canuck named

Fraser, who had gone in for Sargent

with great presence of mind kicked Baker

in the knee as he was passing and opened

a big gap in the speedy rover's leg.

Baker limped off the ice and he was

missed a little, for the Canadians scored

their only point after Hobey had left

the fray.

Fraser did his little kicking stunt im-

mediately after he was permitted to come

out of a first row seat that had been as-

signed to him by the referee for a two

minute period for cross-checking the same

Mr. Baker. Five penalties were dished

out to the visitors for undue roughness

including cross-checking, tripping, hold-

ing and kicking, and at the same time

was very lenient with them, for there was

much that he missed. Then, too, every

once in a while the Canucks were held

by their own petard.

On one occasion early in the second

half, five of the seven came to the con-

clusion that Baker was not a nice little

fellow for the party and they went at

him in a body to see that he left the

game. In less time than it takes to say

however, Baker was skating calmly

around and all five of the Victorias were